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SUBJ: LAO FIRE ON THAI PATROL BOATS NEAR NKP

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SUBJ: LAT FIRE ON THAI PATROL BOATS NEAR NKP

1. CAPTAIN SOMBOON NIELOY, ACTING COMMANDER, MARINE RIVER OPERATIONS UNIT (MROU) IN NAKHON PHA OM (NKP) CONFIRMED TO CONOFF JAN 15 THAT MORNING OF JAN 13 LAO FIRED ON THREE THAI PATROL BOATS NEAR BAN PAENG. CAPT. SOMBOON SAID THAI BOATS WERE RETURNING TO KP AFTER ROUTINE NIGHT PATROL UP RIVER AND WERE SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS OFFSHORE IN THAI TERRITORY AT TIME OF SHOOTING.

2. SOMBOON SAID THAT IN FOUR MINUTE EXCHANGE OF FIRE LAO USED MACHINE GUNS AND ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADES. THAI RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS. NO DAMAGE WAS SUFFERED BY THAI AND SOMBOON THOUGHT SAME TRUE OF LAO. SOMBOON  
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SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HEAVY MORNING FOG AND POOR VISIBILITY,

LAO PROBABLY FIRING AT SOUND RATHER THAN SIGHT OF BOATS.

3. CAPT. SOMBOON FURTHER STATED THAT UNCONFIRMED INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATED MOVEMENT OF LAO TROOPS AWAY FROM NKP MEKONG BORDER AND THEIR REPLACEMENT BY NORTH VIETNAMESE. HE ALSO REFERRED TO REPORTS OF LAO BUSINESSMEN WHO LIVE ON RIVER BANK BEING MOVED TO INTERIOR OF COUNTRY. THEY WERE BEING REPLACED BY RESIDENTS OF TRADITIONAL PL STRONGHOLDS. HAMILTON MASTERS

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